Depression among students in Board Examinations

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Board Ki Kakshaon Ke Chhatra Badi Sankhya Main Depression Ke Shikar Ho Rahe Hain", published in the Box column of the Navbharat Times dated 20th January, 2000;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard; and

(c) what action Government would take in order to make the syllabus and level of examination of Board classes as per the courses and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Statistics regarding students suffering from depression due to fear of examination/results and suicides related to examinations are not maintained by this Ministry. These cases are related to a number of factors including individual personality, home environment, peer pressure and a situation in which career opportunities are very limited in relation to mounting number of aspirants and examinations being a major determinant of career path. The Government does not issue any instructions to the CBSE or other Boards of School Education on the matters regarding change or modification in the syllabi and level of difficulty of Question Papers in respect of the Examinations conducted by them.

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